



THE MAINE CEO

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CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING & CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM INFORMATION

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

On December 20th program staff conducted a strategic planning session with the CEO Training Program Working Group. Membership in the group is open to any individual with an interest in the program and code enforcement in Maine. At the most recent session, the following individuals participated: Jeff Nims, Bruce Smith, John Thompson, Claude Rounds, and Dabney Lewis. Various issues regarding training and certification of code officers were discussed. The session also included a visit to the State's new Distance Learning Lab located in the State Office Building where a demonstration of the capabilities of the ATM learning system was provided.

WORKSHOPS REPORT

By the time this newsletter reaches you the January workshops for Rule 80-K will be well underway and hopefully Old Man Winter will cooperate with us. For those of you who were unable to attend one of the Site Plan Review workshops in October we are offering the training again on February 6th in Augusta only. Also in February, we are offering Issues in Zoning & Land Use Regulations at four locations. Registration forms for both events are included in the mailing with this newsletter.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

On November 28th the Midcoast CEO Association met in Rockland City Hall for a meeting and training session. Jim Elliot, an attorney from Camden, discussed the recent changes to the State's subdivision law.

On December 6th Maine Building Officials & Inspectors Association met at the New Meadows Inn in West Bath for a regular meeting and training session. Sally Daggett, an attorney with Jensen, Baird, Gardner, & Henry, gave an overview of liability issues for code enforcement officers.

OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- ❑ Septic System Installers Workshops sponsored by JETCC, call 767-2649

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS...

Certification status reports will be mailed to all certified individuals in February 2002. Please review your certificate and check your certification expiration date. If your certification expires on January 31, 2002 you must have attained 12 re-certification credits in Legal Issues, as well as 12 credits in all other areas in which you hold certification. If you lack the required re-certification credits you must re-certify by taking the required examinations or otherwise lose your certification. If you have not re-certified, you're not compliant with the law. Contact Shelley Brann at 287-8064 to schedule an examination.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS...

Q: Is it possible to take an exam on days other than those scheduled quarterly in Auburn, Bangor, and South Portland?

A: Yes. For your convenience, beginning in 2002 we will offer a special exam schedule. Testing will be offered in Augusta only on the second Tuesday of February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December.

In the past the State Planning Office has offered regular quarterly examinations during the months of January, April, July, and October. Due to the increased demand for testing services, in 2002 the CEO Training & Certification Program will offer special exam sessions. They are offered in Augusta only on the second Tuesday of the months mentioned above. Our regular quarterly sessions will continue to be offered in South Portland, Auburn, and Bangor in January, April, July, and October.

REMEMBER ► If you wish to take an exam you must first **register** with this Office. **Walk-ins will be turned away.** Contact the State Planning Office to schedule an exam.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!